

ALIX IS QUEEN.

The Great Little Mare Makes the Trotting Mark 2:03 3-4.

Does a Wonderful Mile Without a Mistake at Galesburg.

HALF MADE IN 1:01 3-4.

Fifteen Thousand People Go Wild Over the Result.

GALSBURG, Ill., Sept. 20.—Fifteen thousand people yelled themselves hoarse yesterday afternoon when the great trotting queen Alix beat the world's record by coming under the wire in 2:03 3-4.

The start was made in splendid style, Alix coming as regularly and steadily as clock-work, with head down and her short, pointed ears twitching nervously. Alix was given the pole, with the runner just to the right and a trifle behind. When she approached the wire for the start she seemed a little slow, but she soon increased her pace. She was working like a machine, and yet so easily and gracefully that one would hardly imagine she was going at such a tremendous clip. When the quarter was reached there was a general exclamation: "Thirty and a half, she will beat it." From that to the half she seemed to fly, making it in 1:01 3-4. The third quarter she increased her pace a trifle, making it in 1:32 3-4. When she started up the home stretch there was the greatest excitement. Some started to yell, but were suppressed. Alix was moving down without apparent effort. Thus far there had not been a false step, a wobble of any kind. She seemed to fairly fly to get away from the horse that came thundering just behind. As she neared the wire many that glanced at their watches said: "She will not make it." The last two rods she again seemed to increase her marvelous speed, and as she darted under the wire the shout went up from the thousands: "She's done it; she's done it!"

The cheering was prolonged, and it was some time before the spectators could quiet the crowd so as to make himself heard. He then announced: "You have witnessed the fastest heat ever trotted by any trotter on the globe—just trotted by Alix. The first quarter was gone in 30 3-4, the half in 1:01 3-4, the three-quarters in 1:32 3-4 and the mile in 2:03 3-4." The crowd again cheered, and thousands rushed onto the track as McDowell came driving Alix back. Williams introduced Mr. Jones the owner of Alix, and the cheering again arose. The performance of Alix is the talk of all horsemen.

The judges gave the time out as 2:03 3-4, although one of the judges caught it at a shade less, and many in the audience had it 2:03 1-4. Jones was nearly smothered in congratulations. Another brilliant event was Ethel A. going to beat the 3-year-old pacing record of 2:10. She made the mile in 2:10, equalling the record. All other events were uninteresting.

SWELL GAMBLERS RAIDED.

A Charge That All Chicago Justices Are Corrupt.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—John Condon's gambling house at 14 Quincy street, reported to be the "swell" resort in the city, was raided yesterday by detectives employed by the Civic Federation, the citizens' organization which has been making descents on Varnell's, "The house of David" and other equally celebrated gambling places. Condon's furniture was carried out and not recovered, notwithstanding stout physical and legal resistance on the part of the employees. The action of the court of record has been evoked by the federation affidavits being laid before Judge Brentano today, charging that prosecutions cannot be successfully made before justices of the peace. This amounts practically to a declaration that all the justices in the city are corrupt.

MR. PORCH RESIGNS.

The Lutheran Pastor Will Go to One of the Largest Lutheran Churches.

Rev. F. M. Porch, who has been pastor of the English Lutheran church, corner of Fifth and Harrison streets for over four years, has received and has accepted a call to the pastorate of St. Paul's English Lutheran church at Louisville, Ky. Rev. Mr. Porch has resigned from the pastorate of the Topeka church to take effect Sunday, September 30, when he will preach his farewell Topeka sermon. The Louisville church of which Mr. Porch will become pastor, is one of the wealthiest churches of that denomination in the south and the Topeka friends of Mr. Porch, while sorry to have him remove from the city, will be glad to know he has been called to so good a church.

International Cricket Match Off.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—The international cricket match between the United States and Canadian players was declared off today on account of rain. When the heavy downpour of yesterday stopped play, the Canadians had been retired for 155 runs and the Americans had run their score up to 177 runs with a loss of nine wickets. Each eleven was to have played another inning, but the storm made this impossible.

Clock Makers Strike Over.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 14.—It is stated that the strike of the clock makers will be settled today. Several contractors have weakened and the men have promised to yield one of the points in dispute—the minimum scale of wages. A meeting of the state board of arbitration will be held late this afternoon for the purpose of considering the strike.

Stop That Cough.

With Begg's Cherry Cough Syrup. It is the most effective medicine ever put on the market for all throat and lung troubles. Price 25, 50 and \$1.00. W. R. Kennedy your enterprising druggist keeps it.

Prescott & Co. have removed to No. 115 West Eighth street.

A MUCH KIDNAPPED MAN.

Sensational Story Told by Mrs. Byers, Wife of the Pittsburgh Millionaire.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 20.—Mrs. B. M. Byers, wife of the millionaire iron manufacturer of this city, has filed a sensational petition in court, asking for the custody of her husband and his estate. A commissioner was appointed to take testimony. Mrs. Byers, in her petition tells a most sensational story. She says she has been married twenty-two years. About two years ago, Dr. F. M. Shields, an employee of A. M. Byers, her brother-in-law, kidnapped her husband and took him to Chicago, where he was placed in the custody of Dr. L. W. Tallman.

The latter took Byers to Duluth, and then to St. Paul, where he was placed in a hotel under the charge of Eva Dilly, a trained nurse. Mrs. Byers located her husband on August 29, 1893. The party, including Mrs. Byers, then returned to Chicago. Here she alleges, morphine was surreptitiously administered by Dr. Tallman and his wife, who, in consequence, her husband was again carried off. Byers was then taken from place to place, generally outside the United States, covering altogether about 40,000 miles. Mrs. Byers spent thousands of dollars searching for her husband and finally located him in Japan. She sent her agent, Samuel Boyd, for her husband, and they returned to San Francisco. Here they were met by Dr. Tallman, who endeavored to regain possession of Byers.

Finally, on July 30, 1894, an agreement was signed by all the interested parties to the effect that Byers should return to Pittsburgh without any interference in the custody of Boyd. At St. Joseph, Mo., Byers was taken from the train on a writ of habeas corpus, but at the hearing was released into Boyd's custody. A few hours later, Mrs. Byers alleges, H. H. Shields, Peter L. Kennedy, John Davis and Dr. Tallman again kidnapped Byers and took him to Chicago, where trace of him was lost. A few days ago Mrs. Byers found her husband in the Pennsylvania hospital for the insane at Philadelphia, and he is now under her care.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS.

Officers Elected at the Supreme Council in Session at Boston.

BOSTON, Sept. 20.—The supreme council of sovereign grand inspectors general for the Thirty-third degree Scottish Rite Masons yesterday elected the following officers:

Sovereign grand commander, Henry L. Palmer, Milwaukee, Wis.; grand lieutenant commander Charles L. Woodbury Boston; grand treasurer, General Newton D. Arnold, Providence; grand secretary, Clinton K. Paige, New York; grand minister of state, General Samuel G. Lawrence, Boston; grand inspector of the archives, Lucius R. Paige, Cambridge; grand master general of ceremonies, Mr. Charles McClanahan of New York; grand marshal general, Robert E. Patterson, Philadelphia; grand standard bearer, William H. Higley, Bridgeport, Conn.; grand captain of guard, George Otis, Burlington, Vt.; assistant grand secretary, Joseph B. Abel, New York; grand prior, Rev. Joseph L. Seward, of Lowell.

Supreme deputies of states—Maine, Marquis F. King, Portland; New Hampshire, George W. Cline, Nashua; Massachusetts, S. Wells, Boston; New York, John Hodge, Lockport; Michigan, Hugh McCordy, Corunna; Ohio, E. T. Parsons, Cincinnati; Indiana, N. Rucile, Indianapolis; Illinois, John G. Smith, Chicago; Wisconsin, Albert D. Carpenter, Milwaukee.

Grand marshals—Horton Ward, New York; Henry C. Urner, Cincinnati; Amos C. Pettibone, Chicago.

ANOTHER WHISKY COMBINE.

Distillers Outside of the Trust Form a Corporation by Themselves.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—There was filed in the department of the secretary of state at Albany yesterday, an application for the incorporation of the National Distributing company. Early in August it was announced that several large distillers outside of the whisky trust had come together and had determined upon such a combination and it was explained that the new company would have its headquarters in this city and branches in the principal Eastern cities and Western states. The National Distributing company is the result. It will begin business representing distillers having a capacity of 30,000 bushels a day, or in other words, an annual output of 30,000,000 gallons of spirits. Its prime object is to compete for the trade of the East, which amounts to about 40,000,000 gallons a year.

Animals as Tools of Trade.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—J. Magnon, a snake charmer, and Arthur Katzhem, a circus rider, have applied to Judge Lacombe of the United States circuit court, for a judicial opinion as to whether live animals can be classified as "tools of trade" when they are used by their owners solely to aid them in their vocation. The animals in question are twenty-eight snakes, a tiger, a horse and a dog which arrived here on March 30, and which were classified by Collector Kilbreth as live animals, and subject to a duty of one cent. The owners claim that they are "tools of trade" and therefore exempt from duty.

Tin Plate Works for America.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The Daily News says one of the wealthiest iron and steel manufacturers in England states that he and several of his friends are so satisfied with the prospects of tin plate working in the United States that they are forming a private company to commence the manufacture of tin plate on a scale that will immediately increase the American output.

Tarsney Reappointed.

LEXINGTON, Mo., Sept. 20.—Congressman John C. Tarsney was reappointed by the Democrats of the third congressional district. He got all the votes but two, which were cast for ex-Mayor Cowherd of Kansas City.

ON THE WARPATH.

Chief Blue Terrorizes Squaw Men in Chickasaw Nation.

He and His Braves Are on a Marauding Tour.

THINK IT GREAT FUN.

The Postmaster at Stonewall is Outrageously Treated.

WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 20.—A special, by way of Sa Salwa, We-We-Ka and Tecumseh, from Stonewall, in the Chickasaw nation, brings information to the effect that Chief Blue, the leader of the Chickasaw negro-Indians, is in open rebellion. The insurrectionists have gone out on a marauding tour and are terrorizing the Indian citizens, and especially the squawmen. Last Sunday the band, headed by Chief Blue, swept down on the farm of George H. Truax, postmaster at Stonewall. The negroes came down on the farm at midday. Truax, a white man, and his squaw were led from the house and bound with ropes and held prisoners. Chief Blue and his band then proceeded to destroy everything in the house they could eat and drink, and after satisfying themselves rode off howling and screeching.

It is said that the Chickasaw government is thinking of taking steps to put them out as intruders. This could be done under either the Chickasaw or United States laws, as the negroes have no legal right to lands in the Chickasaw nation. Chief Blue, while an old man, is very strong physically and a natural leader of a marauding band. He was chosen chief of the Negro-Indians shortly after the war and he exercises an absolute tyranny over his followers.

WAR REPORTS CONFIRMED.

Secretary Gresham Receives Word of the Annihilation of Chinese Army.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Secretary Gresham today received three cables from the seat of war in the Orient, one from Minister Denby, dated today, which reads as follows: "Naval engagements off North Korea the 17; five Chinese and three Japanese vessels reported destroyed; fleet at Port Arthur."

Another also from Minister Denby bears date of yesterday and reads as follows: "Telegraphic communication between Pekin and Chinese army in Corea cut off by Japanese."

The other dispatch was from Minister Dun at Tokio, and was as follows:

"Tokyo, Sept. 19.—The following received from the United States minister at Seoul: 'Please cable department of war army totally annihilated at Piliang Yang.'"

The department supposes the place named is Ping Yan, though its dispatch reads as given.

Outlaw Cook to Marry.

MUSKOGEE, Ind. Ter., Sept. 20.—Deputy Marshal Smith of Fort Smith, who visited the camp of the Cook outlaws under the guidance of the sweetheart of one of the band to persuade Cook to reform, passed through here again yesterday. He procured a license from the clerk of the court here for the marriage of the bandit chief, Bill Cook, to Miss Martha Palman of Sapulpa. Their ages were registered in the clerk's office as 22 and 19. Cook is a Cherokee, but his sweetheart is a white girl, as is evidenced by a United States marriage license being required.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

The American minister to the Republic of Colombia has arrived in Coton from Bogota, en route to the United States. It is reported President Nunez is ill.

Prince Yanashino of Japan, who is serving in the German navy and who is now stationed at Kiel, has been ordered by the Mikado to return to Japan as soon as possible.

President Peixoto of Brazil has officially denied that there is any truth in the report that Admiral Da Gama and a number of other officers have been shot in the fortress of Santa Cruz.

As Engineer Tom Carter was oiling his engine on a trestle at Lonesome Valley, on the Knoxville and Cumberland Gap road, a sudden lurch of the engine threw him over, and he fell 150 feet. He was dead when picked up.

At the international convention of carpenters Secretary McGuire's report was read, which showed that fifty-four cities have the eight-hour law, nineteen of which are in Illinois. The secretary upholds strikes if they are properly conducted.

The secretary of the treasury has asked the secretary of state to instruct the United States consul at Hamburg to detain all immigrants from East and West Prussia, Posen and Silesia during the prevalence of cholera in those districts.

In Copenhagen the result of the federal elections held to replace twenty-five members of the landsting, was that sixteen members of the right, seven members of the moderate left and four radicals were elected. The radicals gained three seats.

The Connecticut Republican state convention reassembled in Foot Guards armory, Hartford, at 10:30 yesterday morning. Congressman W. E. Simonds was in the chair. Ex-Senator O. V. Coffin, of Middleton, was nominated for governor on the fourth ballot.

The Democratic organization of the city and county of Albany, N. Y., known as the "Bill organization," at the primary elections held to elect ward delegates to the assembly and county convention, passed a resolution at every polling place expressing deep regret at the withdrawal of Governor Flower from the gubernatorial race and endorsing the candidacy of Hon. John Boyd Thacher.

CHINA IN A BAD FLIGHT.

The Japs Seem to Have the Celestials in Their Power.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The consular news received here by Secretary Gresham of the defeat of the Chinese by land and sea with the further notice that telegraphic communication between Pekin and Corea had been cut off by the Japanese, is taken here as evidence that the Chinese forces are in a miserable plight. The small remnant of the army in Corea is cut off, from reinforcement by sea as a result of the defeat of the Chinese fleet at the mouth of the Yalu river. They cannot communicate with their own government by wire, and, as their escape from the Korean peninsula by the northern overland route is prevented by the seizure of the mountain passes by the Japanese, their surrender appears to be inevitable. The scene of the last naval engagement was at the mouth of the river forming part of the boundary between Corea and Manchuria, the capital of the greatest military province of China.

The Japanese, therefore, are now in force on the border and coast of their enemy and an early transfer of the scene of war from Corea to China is looked for by the army officers, unless the movement should be prevented by the winter of the peninsula. The military experts believe that as soon as the remaining Chinese troops in Corea have surrendered, the Japanese will transfer the main body of their troops by sea from Ping Yang to the Manchurian coast and by making a rapid advance on Mukden, the capital of the province, will soon be in position to organize a campaign on Pekin itself. It is believed here that the Chinese forces are almost demoralized and that the only obstacle to the triumphant campaign of the Japanese, apart from the inclement winter of the peninsula, is to be looked for in the interference of the great powers.

There is reason to believe the feeling is growing in Europe that the war bids fair to go beyond bounds, unless some influence is brought to bear to check it, and some nations having large interests in China have taken the alarm already. They fear the result on their own interest of so overwhelming a victory by Japan that must be followed by the domination of Japanese interests and animated by commercial territorial jealousy, they are seeking a way to terminate the war.

TILLMANITES NOMINATED.

South Carolina Democrats Meet in State Convention at Columbia.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 20.—The state Democratic convention was called to order at noon yesterday by Senator Irby, chairman of the executive committee. Over 300 delegates were present. A majority are Tillmanites, only one delegation, that from Charleston, being conservative.

The platform indorses the Omaha platform, as well as the Chicago one; demands the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, and indorses the dispensary law as the best solution of the liquor question. No mention of the president or the national administration is made.

The convention then nominated John Gary Evans for governor; W. H. Thimmarian for lieutenant governor; A. T. C. Bates, treasurer; O. W. Buchanan, attorney-general. The nominees are all Tillmanites and had no opposition.

The Charleston delegates announced in the convention that they would not support the nominees because they were not on a true Democratic platform. They were hissed and jeered and started to leave the hall, but for some reason did not do so.

A MANDAMUS FOR CARLISLE.

Efforts Made to Compel Him to Inspect Louisiana Sugar Plantations.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The Miles plant and manufacturing company of Louisiana, engaged in planting and growing sugar cane, yesterday afternoon applied to Judge McComas, in the District supreme court, for a mandamus against the secretary of the treasury and the commissioner of internal revenue to compel them to continue the inspection of sugar plantations required by the McKinley sugar bounty law.

The petitioners state an inspection of their plant has been refused by the treasury officials on the ground that the lately enacted tariff law annulled and rescinded the granting of a bounty to sugar producers, and that the tariff does so operate the petitioners deny.

Judge McComas directed that Secretary Carlisle be required to show cause October 4 why mandamus should not issue.

DYNAMITE GUNS A SUCCESS.

Tests at Sandy Hook Have Been Approved by the Government.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The war department has been notified by Major Phipps, president of the ordinance board which conducted the recent tests of the dynamite gun batteries at Sandy Hook, N. Y., that the guns worked well and that all of the requirements of the contract have been met.

Consequently the battery and plant will be accepted and the Pneumatic and Dynamite company will be paid \$100,000 for one eight-inch and two fifteen-inch guns with all of the boilers, compressors and machinery, the shells used in the test and ten reserve projectiles for each gun. This experiment having resulted as well, work will be pushed on in the dynamite gun battery for San Francisco harbor.

Women Still Rejoicing.

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 20.—At the annual meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union the following resolution was unanimously passed: "We heartily commend the heroic efforts of our Kentucky sisters who have triumphed in raising the banner of purity over the political battlefield in their state. We rejoice in their holy crusade against a double standard of morality for men and women, and the white-ribbon women of Baltimore renew their zeal in the contest for this fundamental principle of christianity."

THE HOME TEAM.

How pleasing to the playing when the home club wins! How everybody laughs and chaffs and every body enjoys it! And the umpire is forgiven for all his tedious aims. So pleasing is the playing when the home club wins!

The bay upon the bleachers is as happy as a king. The maiden in the grand stand is as sweet as anything. The crack is all in clover, and the butcher is on top—He tells a joke of peanuts and a half a gross of pop—The fellow from the country widens out his mouth and eyes. The manager is smiling and a-sighing happy sighs. The mascot is a bounding round as if he were on pins. So pleasing is the playing when the Home Club Wins!

But what a sad sensation when the home club slumps!

The umpire is a villain and a dastard chump of clumps. We're on the road to ruin, and we're deeply in the dumps. For oh, the sad sensation when the home club slumps!

The manager and mascot are a very worthy pair; One has a yellow liver, and the other yellow hair. Our captain is a quitter, and the other is a thief.

There's not a word in Webster which can give a man relief. Why don't they let the blockheads go and sign a nine of stumps!

For, oh, the sad sensation when the Home Club Slumps!

—J. Edmund W. Cooke in New York Sun.

A Legitimate Sequence.

The following signs appear by the road side in Westchester county, New York:

TRY OUR CLAMS. 10 Cents a Dozen.

TRY OUR ICE COLD BUTTERMILK. 5 Cents a Glass.

PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD. —Printers' Ink.

Sam Johnson's "At Home."

Sam Johnson, an Austin colored man who keeps the "At Home" hunting him up, is once more an inmate of the Travis county jail. Jim Webster, a chum of the accused, called at the jail to console his friend.

"What do you want here?" asked the jailer in a dry voice.

"I was called, sah, ter make inquiry, sah, if my friend, Mr. Sam Johnson, is at home, sah!"—Texas Siftings.

An Architectural Defect.

Mrs. Goodness—What a lovely new home you have! It appears to be perfect in every detail.

Mrs. Howingswells—Yes, it is indeed very nice, and we enjoy its comforts, but the architect made one serious blunder.

Mrs. G.—Indeed? What was it?

Mrs. H.—Why, it is not arranged so the neighbors can see my elegant new sideboard from the street.—Chicago Record.

A Welcome.

"Senator Forgham," said the constituent, "we're mighty glad ter see ye home agin."

"Thank you," replied the senator, his bosom swelling with appreciation.

"Yes, sir, we're glad ter see ye home agin that we're goin ter do the best we kin ter fix it so's ye'll stay here the rest of yer nat'ral days."—Washington Star.

The Meanest Man.

Perhaps the meanest man in all England has been found. He is a rural clergyman who brought suit to recover 25 shillings for damages to his new mown hay caused by a young girl walking on it on her way to her sister's grave. He did not persevere in his suit, but he talks of suing the newspapers who commented on it.—Boston Transcript.

She Would Do.

"I have got a new cook," said Mr. Subbulb, "but she acknowledges that she only knows how to cook ham and eggs and make a cup of coffee."

"Oh, that doesn't matter!" answered his wife. "She will be gone before it is time for her to cook dinner anyway."—Indianapolis Journal.

Raised the Rates.

"Say," said the guest, "what do you mean by charging me \$2 for the same room you let me have last week for \$1?" "It is so much cooler now," calmly replied the clerk, "that you get twice as much satisfaction out of sleeping as you did last week."—Cincinnati Tribune.

Infallible Memories.

"My dear," he said to his wife upon returning home after the vigilance committee was through with him, "I have remembered at last to get the tar to paint the roof with, and I have brought home some feathers to fill those cushions that you have been making."—Truth.

Attending to Business.

Binaway—And young Blower, the fellow who was always boasting that he would get something to arouse the country—whatever became of him?

Stadehouse—Manufacturing alarm clocks the last we heard.—Buffalo Courier.

A Mournful Suggestion.

"Japan says she proposes to demolish China," said Mr. Blykins.

"She ought to have our servant girl," replied his wife wearily.—Washington Star.

Persistent.

Jess—I've had over a dozen offers of marriage already this season.

Bess—Good gracious! From whom?

Jess—Jack.—New York World.

A Novel Proposal.

He—Will you come to my wedding?

She—Yes. Whom are you going to marry?

He—Why, you!—Truth.

JOHN SHERMAN.

So Absent-Minded That He Could Not Remember a Familiar Name.

There is many a man who has felt himself aggrieved that Senator John Sherman was unable to remember him or to call him by name. It is a faculty the lack of which seriously handicaps a man in public life. But the fact of his forgetting a man's name is no evidence in John Sherman's case of his wanting in esteem for the forgotten one. In a recent speech he paused confusedly when he wanted to refer to something that had been said by "Mr.—Mr.—my neighbor on my left—the senator from Massachusetts." Senator Aldrich, sitting just behind him, suggested Hoar. Sherman and Hoar have been associated in public life for an indefinite number of years. They are friends and what may be termed intimate acquaintances. The Sherman and the Hoar families are related. Yet the senator from Ohio was made so conscious of the absorption in his subject in which he was invested to call the name of Senator Hoar.

It is related as a fact of a wealthy old resident of a Western town that he wandered all over the town in a fit of profound abstraction one morning. Some one stopped him to say, "Good morning, Mr. Hayden."

The old fellow looked up excitedly and exclaimed: "That's it! That's it! I've been trying to think of that name all morning, and I couldn't sign a check at the bank."

Forgetfulness of names is not an unusual peculiarity among men, but it is a fatal lack in a man who seeks popularity with the masses of the people.

A HARD TASKMISTRESS.

The Late Rosina Vokes Took Her Art Seriously.

The late Mrs. Clay, better known as Rosina Vokes, was a hard taskmistress. She took her art both seriously and rigidly, and demanded the same from others. A young American girl during a one-time connection with the Vokes company suffered extremely from a felon on her finger. Every movement of the arm gave her pain, and she was at length obliged to evade her required participation in "A Game of Cards," where the players clap hands, the one against the other.

"You shirked your part last night, Miss Blank," Mrs. Clay took occasion to observe the following morning.

"I did," acknowledged Miss Blank, "for my finger is in such a condition, as you see, that present use of it is impossible."

"You will not shirk your part tonight, however," remarked Mrs. Clay, with an ominous gloom in her eye. The young American knew only too well that further remonstrance would probably result in her dismissal, so nothing more was said. That night, according to orders, she, with infinite pain, clapped hands briskly. At the first touch the blood gushed from her suffering finger, but, although her partner was Mrs. Clay, neither reference nor apology was made by that exacting star either then or afterward. "Still, it was all splendid training," said the young actress in later years. But to impartial, unprofessional outsiders such "training" smacks of tyranny.

A Reversal of Natural Laws.

A lawyer by the name of Mayne, who was a highly respected but decidedly heavy person, had risen to a judgeship, while Jeffrey Koller, who had entered on his legal career at about the same time with Mayne, but was more noted as a wit than as a lawyer, was still much in want of clients and fees. The latter was in a court-room one day, when Mayne was solemnly presiding, and he turned to a friend who sat beside him, and plucked at his sleeve. "See there!" he whispered; "there sits Mayne, risen by his gravity, and here sits Koller, sunk by his levity. What would Sir Isaac Newton say to that! I'd like to know?"

Scoffing at the Watermelon.

Why is it that there is every year so great an outburst of melody (alleged) about the watermelon? What is the watermelon that it should be thus celebrated? It cannot hold a candle to the cantaloupe either for flavor or harmlessness. The great army of watermelon poets is calculated to make one tired. As a promoter of joy the watermelon is two-thirds a bluff, with the other third a sticky juice that pleases neither palate nor stomach. Relegate yourselves to the rear, versesmiths who use the watermelon as a foundation for your rhymed vapors! You give one a pain, and so does your watermelon.